

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07/05/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,5-13,15-17,19,21,22,24,25,27,29-55.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steven Wigmoire on 9/8/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 2, 4, 14, 18, 20, 23, 26, 28 have been deleted.

The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Regarding independent claims 1, 22, 35 and 47 the prior art fails to show a method or system for storing, managing and distributing consumer information via a distributed network comprising: a central data repository accessible via the distributed electronic network for storing an information account, the information account containing consumer information elements that are changed by the consumer, a first consumer information element of the information account which has one or more name fields to identify the consumer, a second consumer information element of the information account having one or more geographic

address fields associated with the consumer; a host server for communicating with the central data repository and with a network device via the distributed network and for executing instructions for: receiving with the host server, over the network, a first request from the network device for access to the information account and consumer authentication information in response to the consumer manually inputting consumer authentication information while interacting with a first web-site; in response to the request, authenticating the consumer with the host server based on the consumer authentication information thereby providing the consumer with access to the information account stored in the central data repository; in response to authenticating the consumer, automatically managing subsequent authentications of the consumer with the host server so that the consumer will not be required to again input the consumer authentication information upon initiating a second request for access to the information account while interacting with a subsequent web-site that is configured to provide access to the information account upon authentication of the consumer; in response to the first, second, and, subsequent requests for access to the information account stored in the data repository, retrieving one or more consumer information elements from the information account with the host server by filtering data from the information account with the database management system based on an identification of a web-site being accessed by the consumer; sending the retrieved consumer information elements over the distributed network;

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parsing the retrieved consumer information elements; and auto-populating input fields of a displayed web page file of the web-site being accessed by the consumer with the consumer information elements in the manner and complexity recited by the claims. While the elements are separately known in the prior art, the combination is novel.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and to avoid processing delays should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Salvatore Cangialosi at telephone number **(571) 272-6927**. The examiner can normally be reached 6:30 Am to 5:00 PM, Tuesday through Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell, can be reached at **(571) 272-6712**.

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